Addressing Global Issues
Facing challenges to security, the global economy and the
global environment, nations shape world affairs through
conflict and cooperation. In the 21st century, however,
states are not the only significant actors. Powerful social,
economic, technological and environmental forces
increasingly connect, align and divide individuals around
the planet. Understanding the complex interactions
among all these actors and forces requires careful and
thoughtful analysis.

The Burkle Center for International Relations provides
that analysis and brings to UCLA and Los Angeles the best
and brightest minds in the fields of international relations and
foreign policy. Created in 1979, the Center is UCLA’s primary
forum for a West Coast leader in the interdisciplinary study
of global affairs. A significant sponsor of research, teaching and
outreach on campus, it engages faculty and students to explore
and shape debate on global issues.

Conferences & Events
Throughout the academic year, the Burkle Center
sponsors conferences, lecture series, and other events
on topics such as human rights, the geopolitical effects
of global warming, nuclear proliferation, the future of
the Middle East, and U.S.-China relations. The lecture series encompass the annual Daniel Pearl
Memorial Lecture, the Bernard Brodie Distinguished
Lecture on the Conditions of Peace, and the Arnold C.
Harberger Distinguished Lecture Series on Economic
Development. Our events have featured United Nations
Secretaries-General Ban Ki-moon and Kofi Annan,
former U.S. Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter,
former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, former
Defense Secretaries Robert McNamara and William
Perry, former national security adviser Brent Scowcroft,
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Schelling, journalists Anderson Cooper and David
Brooks, and many others.

The Burkle Center publishes audio podcasts and
videocasts of its events on the Center website and through
iTunes U and YouTube. Our social networks on Facebook and
Twitter encourage the community to stay involved.

Research & Training
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relations and related fields, awards fellowships and
organizes an increasingly popular internship program.
Grants for UCLA faculty promote investigation of U.S.
foreign policy, global political, military and economic
matters, and international law and dispute resolution.
The Center proudly welcomes, as Senior Fellows,
distinguished leaders and University of California faculty
members, among them General Wesley K. Clark (ret.)
and Dr. Kantathi Suphamongkhon, the 39th Foreign
Minister of Thailand.

Burkle Center student internships offer UCLA
undergraduate and graduate students direct exposure to
experts in international relations and related disciplines.
In this flagship Center program, the interns participate
in major events and research initiatives, while other
advanced students of international relations take advantage
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Vision for the Future
The Burkle Center is seeking to expand its support of
education and research in international relations. The
following initiatives present opportunities for individuals
and foundations to help further our mission:
• A postdoctoral fellowship program for promising
scholars to collaborate with a rotating slate of senior
scholars and distinguished practitioners on both
academic research and policy planning.
• Formation of an international affairs community,
drawing on faculty and students from UCLA
departments and the professional schools,
including financial support for research and
internship opportunities.
• Funding for promising young undergraduate
and graduate students working in the fields of
international relations and American foreign policy.
• Endowed professorships to help recruit and
retain outstanding faculty for the Global Studies
interdepartmental program.

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support our efforts to inspire young scholars and
provide crucial analysis of world affairs.

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